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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology RESOURCE CENTRE

Students attend grimacing "victim". [Photo By JOHN DUECK]

Angry student reaction to simulated disaster

By PENNY METZA

Students jammed the corridors and stairways of Niagara College as the alarm began to ring at 11:15 a.m. Sept. 25 to warn of an emergency situation. Ambulances and fire trucks streamed onto the college campus and pulled up in front of the Simcoe building. Police cruisers on Woodlawn Road and Prince Charles Drive directed traffic.

It was all part of a simulated disaster which took most of the students completely by surprise.

When the alarm first began to ring, students were reluctant to leave the building because of pouring rain. Many stood in the corridors and stairways, blocking anyone who may have had to travel through those areas.

The "disaster" was set up through Welland County General Hospital. Frank Woolcott, hospital superintendent, said the simulation was planned to "test facilities, and the staff in particular, and correct any problems which may arise from the situation."

Mr. Woolcott said he was "highly delighted" by the results of the exercise and thought the co-operation of the college and the students was favorable. The situation was planned in co-operation with Niagara Regional Police, Welland Ambulance, and the Welland Fire Department. None of the medical staff at the hospital knew of the impending "disaster", but were informed shortly after the casualties arrived, Mr. Woolcott said.

The 36 casualties were theatre arts students under the direction of Frank Norris, program co-ordinator.

A.S. Manera, college president, said he had approved the exercise.

When the request was first made, he said, it seemed reasonable, but he "did not realize it would be on such a large scale."

Mr. Manera said, "I accept the responsibility. It is done now, and I apologize to all the people inconvenienced by it."

He said although he thinks such exercises can be useful within bounds, he"will not authorize such a thing again."

"I regret it was carried out so far,"he said.

A.S.Aboud, director of student affairs, said he knew the exercise would take place but "didn't expect so much concern among the students." He was in the Simcoe

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CALLS NEW MEETING

Student approval sought for SAC pay

Say SAC ignores own constitution

By NEWS STAFF

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) of Niagara College violated its own constitution when it held a general meeting Sept. 24.

Toi Fountain,SAC president, opened the meeting by saying, "Our situtation now is that we did not post the notices" three school days before the meeting. The meeting was called so that SAC could present its financial statements to the students.

Toi asked for a vote by show of hands on whether the meeting should be held then or postponed. The vote was announced as 58 for holding the meeting and 45 against.

Though a two-thirds majority is required, Toi said, "I feel I should hold a meeting whatever the consequences may be."

Toi said the meeting has been adequately publicized because "our newsletter" (SAC's Banana) was out Thursday, three full days before the meeting."

A journalism student, Ken Blay, read from the constitution:

"Notice of the time and place of any meeting and the general nature of business to be transacted shall be given to the Student Administrative Council by posting the same on the bulletin boards throughout the College and by communicating the notice to the class representatives at least three school days before the date of the meeting and at such meeting, any business may be transacted which the Student Administrative Council may transact at the annual or general meetings."

"Class reps haven't even been appointed yet," he said,"so how could the meeting be held constitutionally?"

He said notices were seen being posted in the Simcoe Building Monday and that they did not specify the subject matter of the meeting.

Tony Henry, first year Radio-Television student, urged that students be given adequate notice and said,"A lot of people don't know what's going on."

A voice from the floor shouted, "Forget the constitution crap; let's get on with the meeting."

There was so much uproar that Toi had difficulty getting to the point of the meeting - presenting SAC's financial statement.

Finally, Bernadette Secco, second year Radio-Television student, said, "SAC is here to represent us; they're spending our money and we're going to find out exactly what happened to $8,962 of our money if and when we give them a minute."

There were both positive and negative reactions from the crowd, and SAC got down to discussing the budget.

SAC provided copies of the balance sheet as of March 31, 1974, and of a statement of revenue and expenditure for August.

Toi said expenditures and revenues tended "to balance themselves out" except that all revenues were accompanied by expenditures.

Additional expenses included SAC administrative costs and benefits to students, "as well as last year's deficits to cover to the extent of $18,000."

He noted that the largest expenditure was for $19,950 for sports which brought no returns "except for the glory the athletes brought back to the school."

In response to his repeated,"Are there any more questions," he was asked about pub-nites, "executive expenses" and football.

By CHRISTA KIRKEY

After a stormy two hour meeting of the Student Administrative Council,SAC postponed for one week a meeting seeking authorization for payment of honorariums. Twenty dollars a month last year, honorariums are to be $40 this year. The meeting was scheduled for Oct. 1 in Hamilton Hall, instead of the cafeteria where the Sept 24 meeting was held amidst lunchtime hubbub.

SAC asked $40 a month for seven positions. The president last year received $1,000.

Bernadette Secco, a second-year Radio-Television student, urged the council to wait and advertise the meeting to all students.

"If you vote today, it will look as if you have voted yourselves $40 a month.It's bad for public relations, and you need all the good public relations, you can get."

Tony Henry, first year Radio-Television student, who ran for the SAC presidency last year but was disqualified at the last minute, said he felt an honorarium was in order for SAC officials-"you give up your time."

Brent Trinder, vice-president of external affairs said, "We've been working without pay for you." The general feeling of the council members was that they could be earning money at part-time jobs if it were not for the time they sacrifice at the SAC house.

Each member of the executive was to explain his positions and responsibilities. Rudy Barrell, vice president of athletics and Gary Nemco, vice president of internal affairs, spoke, but the others never got a chance.

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IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

Faculty may walk out

By SHEILA MACMASTER

Faculty at Niagara College may join a province-wide study session and rotating walk-outs later this month in support of its union negotiating team. The faculty voted overwhelmingly in favor of the walk-outs at a meeting Sept. 23.

The negotiating team was to begin renewed bargaining with the Council of Regents the following day. The Niagara College unit of the Civil Service Association of Ontario (CSAO) recommended that the bargaining team seek a 25 per cent salary increase, an increase in program co-ordinators' allowances, an increased degree allowance and maximum teaching hours for post secondary and retraining faculty.

The one-day study session and the one-day rotating walk-outs among the 22 community colleges would be called by the negotiating team if it is unsuccessful in dealing with the council to obtain a new two-year contract. The old contract expired in September, 1973.

It is illegal for faculty in the community college system to strike under a $500 a day penalty. The faculty meeting was told that policy approval by CSAO meant that the union would pay the fines if participating faculty members were charged.

The proposal for the study session and walk-outs followed faculty rejection of a council settlement which would have given faculty a seven per cent retroactive pay increase for the 1973-74 academic year and nine per cent for the current year. The offer also included a $275 lump sum payment and an increase of $100 in average merit pay.

Talks on a new contract broke off in June.

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Secretaries may move

By DOUG CALDWELL

A committee has been established by A.S. Manera, college president, to examine the possibility of moving the secretarial courses to Wellandvale in St. Catharines, said A.P. McIntee, dean of business.

Mr. Manera said the study will examine the possibilty of grouping together programs requiring similar facilities.

The 105 secretarial students this year constitute about one-third of the total number of students in the School of Business.

Chairman of the committee, W.H. Cornett, dean of retraining, could not disclose further information until a report was made Oct. 1.

EDITORIAL

Most daily newspapers in Canada have well-established editorial policies and stick within these confines when commenting on any issue.

The Niagara News also has an established policy though it has been said that we do not. We are accused of siding either with the student body or with the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

We do neither. Our editorial policy is to present the news in an interesting, informative and objective manner. There is no room for personal comment on the reporter's part and it is not tolerated.

The student council has shown paranoia. It has indicated more than once that the Niagara News is persecuting it. We have been considered one-sided, always siding with the student population. This type of action is below us and below the standards set down when we first entered the Journalism program last year.

The Niagara News staff is not out to destroy Toi Fountain and his council. So far we have been shown every indication that Mr. Fountain cares about the student population and is willing to undertake the problems of making the students aware. We commend him for this.

The Sept. 24 general meeting was a positive sign that SAC is willing to keep in touch with the students rather than isolating themselves in the SAC House. They presented an up-to-date picture of the SAC financial situation, which is a first, and attempted to get the student body involved.

Though we question the legality of the meeting we agree that it was a step in the right direction. Admitedly it is impossible to work within the bounds of an ambiguous constitution. Change is definitely in order but until such changes are implemented SAC is obligated to operate within the framework of its constitution.

Every year the student body complains about SAC doings. They have had cause but this year there should be no complaints. SAC has made the move to inform students but student participation is limited. It is the students' responsibility to question and obtain answers. If they don't then they have no right to complain. The general meeting last week showed that too few cared.

We report the news when and where it happens. We are not out to bury anyone, we are not out to persecute. We are reporters doing a job as it would be done on any daily.

Ken Blay

Guests at Pubs Again

Despite earlier posters stating that no guests will be admitted to Niagara College, the Student Administrative Council has changed its mind and will issue guest passes this year.

Five hundred people will be admitted to pubs compared to 600 last year.

Pub nights are expected to be changed from Friday night to Thursday night sometime in October.

Toi Fountain, (SAC) president, said there is accommodation for 500 people and "we have been told by the school not to admit more persons than we can seat."

During the summer some cafeteria tables and chairs were misplaced; until they can be replaced, only 500 people will be admitted.

Guest passes will be dealt with on a first-come first-serve basis. If a person gets a pass but arrives at the pub after 500 people have been admitted, he will be turned down at the door.

To get a pass, the sponsoring student must go to the SAC house and give his name, student identification number and the name of his or her guest.

SAC Books Improve

By CHRISTA KIRKEY

The Student administrative council showed a"considerable improvement" in its bookkeeping for the second term of last school year, the most recent auditors' report says.

Toi Fountain, SAC president, says he is "determined" to prevent any abuse of student funds this year.

"Tighter controls have already been instituted; further controls will be added during the year," said Toi.

A.S. Manera, college president, said SAC will hold two general meeting of the student body at which up-to-date financial statements or latest audits will be presented to every student attending.

Mr. Manera said he hoped his suggestions would "ensure that proper accounting procedures would be followed and that the student body would have full access to information on the financial affairs of SAC."

He stated that it is not the college's intention "to impose conditions that would create unnecessary problems, nor to dictate and control in detail the expenditure of student funds."

At the end of the last school year, the retiring treasurer of SAC, Tom McIntosh. charged that too little control had been exercised over SAC funds in the past and that some members in the past had made improper use of SAC money.

SAC's annual funds of about $70,000 are received from a $35 student activity fee included in each student registration fee on registration day. The registering student cannot refuse to pay the fee.

Tom said that, as treasurer, he had tried to institute tighter control and he was sure that the auditors' report for that period would reflect this.

The most recent auditors' report from Joscelyn, Laughlin, Harper, Tory & Associates dated July 24, 1974, was received in the Resource Centre Sept 17.

The report said, "A considerable number of disbursements during the period April 1, 1973 to Nov. 30, were not supported by properly approved invoices or vouchers. There was considerable improvement in the period Dec. 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974."

"Little or no control was maintained over revenue from April 1, 1973 to Nov.,1973. There was again considerable improvement in the period Dec.1, 1973 to March 31, 1974."

"During the year, it was not possible to ensure that all monies were received for beer and liquor returned to the suppliers.

Because of the lack of supporting documentation in the period April 1, 1973 to Nov. 30, 1973 and the poor control over beer and liquor returns,we are unable to express an opinion on these financial statements."

Toi Fountain,SAC president, stated, "Tighter controls have already been instituted; further controls will be added during the year. We plan to present a monthly budget, and our activities and their results will be posted.

"Through these measures, we are determined to ensure that no misuse of funds can occur and to reduce bookkeeping problems to the barest minimum."

Slides, notes on N/C are going to Hungary

By PENNY METZA

Two Hungarian men on an observation tour of Canada's educational facilities-including the director of adult education for Hungary-are taking slides and notes of Niagara College back to Hungary.

Dr. Matyas Durko and Joseph Kovalcsik are working under a UNESCO scholarship, visiting several countries and noting their educational systems.

Dr. Durko is a professor at the University of Debrecen and director of adult education in Hungary. He is a member of the Hungarian trade union council representing the country's teachers federation and of the UNESCO commission in Hungary.

Mr. Kovalcsik is director of research at the Hungarian Institute of Adult Education both in the public and trade union sector, and is also a member of the UNESCO commission.

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They were "very impressed" by the resource centre said Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, through whose office the visit was arranged.

Because of their professional backgrounds, the men were particulary interested in adult education at Niagara. Mr. Robinson said they "asked good questions, quite technical"and seemed impressed by the quality of the answers they received.

As an indication of their interest the men asked for slides of the college and indicated that their notes would be used in lectures when they return to Hungary.

They had been in the peninsula for three days, visited Brock, and planned to go to Mohawk College in Hamilton as well.

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Letters to Editor

An Open Letter to All Faculty and Students:

Sept. 25, 1974 will be remembered for some time to come around the Welland campus. However, because of the success of the mock disaster exercise, the day will be remembered for a long time by Welland City departments.

The exercise, arranged by the college administration, the college physician, the police department, the fire deparment and Welland General Hospital, was for the benefit of the entire community.

Theatre Centre students were asked to take part in the exercise. This was agreed to only after it was agreed that it was a learning experience both in their course of study and in terms of human expansion.

On behalf of all Theatre Centre students, I wish to express our admiration to those many faculty members and students who assisted the "injured."

As a result of the exercise many unanswered questions may now be answered, particularly by city departments.

The entire community has benefited by the realism of the project. In an area where there are so many factories, some containing explosive properties, the happenings of Wednesday, Sept. 25, can now lead the way to greater disaster control planning.

To those who felt some discomfort, take heart in the knowledge that should the real thing happen you will know better how to cope. As a result of the exercise, we all know ourselves a little better.

Frank Norris
Program Co-Ordinator
Niagara College
Theatre Centre

Dear Editor:

I think we're all in agreement that an emergency drill is important in a large institution such as this. It's important for people to respond and co-operate in similar situations as experienced today. However, it is also important to remember the human factor of emotions! We strongly feel that if people are to learn and benefit they must be aware that it is indeed a simulation and not a real emergency.

Mass hysteria and deep emotions are not ever to be taken lightly. All those people who gave so freely of themselves became involved; where will they be the next time? How is the student body going to respond with seriousness after such a realistic performance as today? Did the people responsible for planning today's simulation find it really necessary to resort to such theatrical nonsense just to get a rise from the students?

Someone should have given some thought to those people who are genuinely upset and in many instances hysterical. Can anyone really believe that there will ever be that kind of co-operation extended to the next alarm?

We are not children. If we would have been informed of the true nature of today's episode we would have indeed given of ourselves and tried to make it a success but without the emotional strain that could not be put aside even when the truth filtered through. Mental anguish, fear, sincere emotional fatigue should not be called upon as though we were part of a gaudy stage production.

What steps will be taken now to repair the damage? By damage we mean, should the next time be the genuine emergency who among us will want to take the first step to help...how will they convince us that it is real... how many lives will be lost before we realize that it is not a repeat performance?

Vern Stolk
Pam McNeal
Fashion Arts 3

Bull Pit

Bull Pit is an expression of individual opinion and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Niagara News.

By GARY SCHNEIDER

On Sept. 25, students at Niagara College witnessed a simulation of an emergency, involving an explosion behind Hamilton Hall in the Simcoe Building. It was designed to test reaction and facilities in case of a serious accident.

The problem is that it was just another display of people playing games without taking a serious look at the people involved. None of the originators of this little play took the time to think of the consequences.

More than one person was crying because they were so upset about what they saw. One girl fainted outside of the building. Many people were really shaken at seeing well made-up "victims" carried out on stretchers.

The point is not whether the emergency test was necessary, or if it accomplished anything. The point is was it worth the mental strain it put many people through. I suppose, once again, that our emotions and minds have been ignored. The test should have been carried on in some other way, perhaps not as effective, but surely a hell of a lot more humane and considerate.

Community education 'vital'

By PENNY METZA

Eric Robinson describes his position at Niagara College as "the most exciting I have ever undertaken."

Mr. Robinson was speaking of his position as chairman of Community Education and Institute of Labour and Labour Management Studies which he began Aug. 1.

"I will have to go through a process of retraining myself to adjust to the problems of dealing with a highly industrialized community," he said.

Mr. Robinson came to Niagara from Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton where he was director of continuing education. For about 18 years before that, he had been associated with Frontier colleges both in Toronto and in the west.

Registration for this term in community education is about 700 and in the labor studies courses, about 75, Mr. Robinson said.

He considers his division at Niagara to be a vital one to the community.

Although community education courses are non-credit ones, they can be useful in helping a person adapt to and understand society. As an example, a course in how to use leisure time wisely could be helpful to someone who finds himself with spare time after having worked hard all his life.

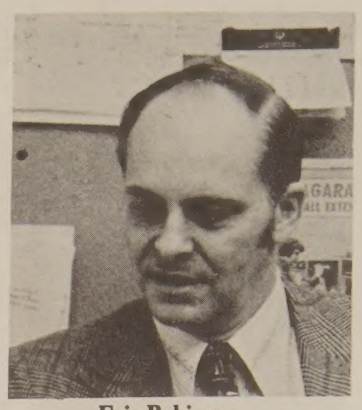
Labor and labor management studies are designed to meet the needs of management as well as labor, he said. Many men who have been effective as leaders on their jobs suddenly find themselves replaced by machines.

Purpose of the college program is to "draw attention to the basic education required for retraining, technical upgrading, and the new age."

While teaching at Frontier colleges in northern areas, Mr. Robinson dealt with a population of miners, loggers, railroad workers and construction workers. At Niagara, he said, he will be dealing with a full range of people living in a highly industrialized area.

"My job here will be quite different in the sense of structure, and a source of resources more readily accessible."

Mr. Robinson thinks Niagara's multi-campus concept is "great" and is pleased to see the public become a part of the campuses.



Eric Robinson

This year his division, formerly a school of its own has been incorporated into the School of Applied Arts. Mr. Robinson said the move is "advantageous in that we have joined the largest school in the college and have the strength and resources of Applied Arts to work with."

He said the labor studies program has special needs, and some of the more difficult may be met through being part of a large school.

One disadvantage was that his department now "must conform" to other standards and can no longer be its own boss.

Asked if he planned any innovations, Mr. Robinson said he wants to do more research on the course of studies. He said he thinks more detailed statistics will indicate the value of courses and the quality of their application.

He suggested a closer look at courses "which aren't working well" and would like to determine "new areas of usefulness for the whole program."

Health services available

By CAROLE COOPER

Dr. Gerald Alexander is in the Health Centre in the Mackenzie Building every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Students may see the doctor by calling extension 215 any day and making an appointment.

Students with a medical problem may go to the Health Centre and see Mrs. Marian Kerr, Niagara College nurse. If Dr. Alexander's services are needed other than Wednesday mornings, an appointment will be made through the Health Centre.

If an injured student cannot come to the Health Centre, Mrs. Kerr will go to the student and if necessary transportation will be supplied to Dr. Alexander's office in Welland.

"We want the students to come to see us because it is quicker to have us make an appointment with Dr. Alexander than wait in the emergency room in the hospital," Mrs. Kerr said. "The hospital staff also suggests this for faster treatment."

NC students find housing

By GARY SCHNEIDER

More than 400 Niagara College students have used the services of the Housing Office to find suitable accommodations for this year.

Mrs. Muriel Cheshire, in charge of the Housing Office, said many of the students using the service have been from the Niagara region, but she has found residences for students from Nova Scotia, Africa, and the Carribean Islands.

"Most want apartments, or at least a place where they can do their own cooking," she said, "but some do want room and board." The price range for rooms is from $15 to$20 per week, and for room and board $25 to $30 per week.

She said she was pleased with the response from residents in Welland in informing the college that they have rooms available. The college advertised in local newspapers before the term started, asking people to list their houses at the Housing Office if they wished to rent rooms. "The people have been very responsive and we're still getting calls from people who have rooms or apartments to rent," she said.

Students still seeking accommodations should contact Mrs. Cheshire at Portable 1 on the main campus.

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Recruits wanted

By KEN BALDIN

Not doing enough with your time or need a little extra money? You may consider the militia.

Registration is at the Canadian Forces Armoury, 5049 Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls, anytime, and male applicants must be 17 years or older, female applicants, 18 years old.

The 56th Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery in Niagara Falls is looking for recruits.

A new recruit receives $5 per day, practical training in operations and maintenance of field guns and participation in field exercises.

Small drills and maintenance work on equipment are on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings.

The next field exercise, Arrowhead III, takes place Oct. 18 to Oct. 20. Recruits joining now, except girls, will be able to participate.

Says Edward Chu, Niagara College student and militia member, "It's a chance for self-discipline and to belong to a recognized group."

Free insurance policy for Niagara students

By CAROLE COOPER

All full-time students registered at Niagara College automatically receive free student accident insurance coverage when they enroll.

The Niagara College nurse, Mrs. Marian Kerr, said the insurance applies to accidents at school or school functions and while travelling to and from school and school functions.

Benefits are payable for such things as loss of life, fingers or sight of both eves.

Loss of both hands or feet would bring payment of $15,000;loss of one arm or leg, $11,500; and loss of life $2,000.

The plan does not cover the cost of replacement of dentures or glasses, services of a masseur, suicide or any benefits under government health insurance plans whether enrolled or not.

Artificial legs and eyes are covered to a maximum of $500 for each injury.

Mrs. Kerr suggests all accidents be reported to the school as soon as possible, at least within 30 days of the accident.

Reliable Life Insurance Co., which supplies the coverage, is an all-Canadian company and the plan is transferable from school to school anywhere in Canada.

A copy of the Student Accident Insurance policy was in each copy of "this is yes, Niagara College" given students on Registration Day. Additional copies may be obtained at the Health Centre.

Graduates teach

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Seven of eight instructors in the Early Childhood Education program are former graduates of the program.

The seven instructors are: Linda Kerr, Lynn Salfi, Linda Lockhart, Kathy Spencer, Sharon Senuik, Tina Varmeshon, and Eleanor Dolan.

As the Early childhood Centre has expanded, instructors have been chosen from graduates. A staff member who r esigned has been replaced by a Niagara graduate.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator, feels this is a worthwhile practgice;"The students have a real working knowledge of the program."

Lynn Salfi and Eleanor Dolan who graduated from the Early Childhood program last year, are instructors in the new infant program started last month.

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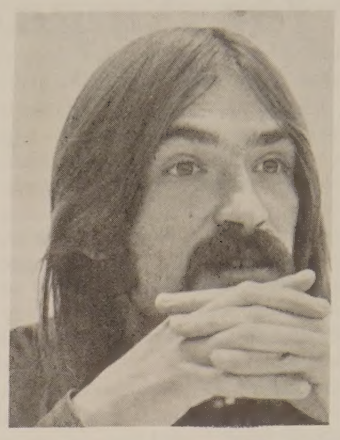
Roving Reporter

What do you think of the cafeteria extension and new catering service?

ROVING REPORTER
By ANNA COLLINS and JENNEY VINNICK

Tony Grosse, 25, General Business

Great! The prices are right. I find the food is very good and I eat there very often. I usually have breakfast there four times a week.

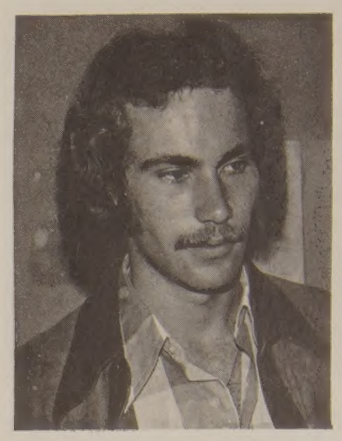


Pat Ivankovich, 23, Electrical Technicians

The food is all right but the area where they serve it is too small. I always have to wait in line and my food gets cold. I eat here all the time.

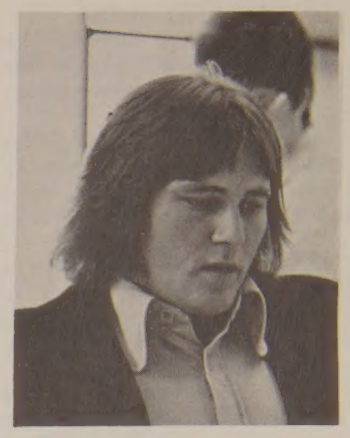
Joyce Emery, 39, General College

I think it's a lot better and it looks better. I find the prices are reasonable. I haven't eaten there yet because I'm on a diet but their coffee is good.



Dennis Reeves, 21, Business Administration

It's better than last year and that's pretty good. The only problems are the food is crappy and the prices are too high.



Michael T. Gulas, 21, Business Administration

I think it's a lot better than last year. The prices are good except for french fries. At least you get a balanced meal. My only complaint is you have to play cards on the round tables and I don't like that.

Niagara College plans three new buildings

By SHEILA MACMASTER

Three new buildings are planned for Niagara College, two on the Welland campus, and a Hospitality Building in Niagara Falls.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has allocated $150,000 to the college for architectural planning.

A.S. Manera, college president, said "It will give us more space. The space will be specifically designed for certain programs so that these programs will have the most up-to-date facilities possible."

Mr. Manera said if the buildings receive approval, construction will start next year on the School of Business building in Welland and the Hospitality Building in Niagara Falls.

This is the first major break in a provincial government freeze on new building projects imposed in December, 1972. The college was also granted approximately $270,000 last spring for an extension to the cafeteria.

Mr. Manera hopes that the actual money to build the buildings will be available next year although, as yet it has not been officially allocated.

A task force has been set up for each project. It is preparing requirements of the number of classrooms, offices, and other facilities.

Mr. Manera said,"The Hospitality Building would be for the Hotel and Food Services Management program, the Tourism program, the Dining Room Services and Food Preparation program and any other programs the college starts in future related to the hospitality industry. Being located in Niagara Falls the students would be close to that city's large hospitality industry."

Computer dating at college?

By JOE WELLMAN

Dial-a-date, a drink or even an exam answer were more likely possibilities imagined by Niagara College students but the new dial-a-computer system is programmed for giving facts and figures for academic pursuits only.

The new CDC (Control Data Corporation) 3200 computer, according to Tom Honey, computer centre manager, has six times the capacity of the previous system in terms of speed, character rate, memory and software.

The computer has three moveable terminals to be placed at different locations throughout the college. Two of the terminals are in fixed locations for use mainly by business students and the third is portable for use by all for quick recall of information stored in its memory banks.

Formerly the computer was used primarily by business students only but, with its easy accessibility, the system will provide a much more extensive service with expanded capabilities, Mr. Honey said.

Better balance of instructors

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Dennis J. Malone, new chairman of the English division, is hoping for a better balance of male and female employees in his department.

His new duties consist of co-ordinating the teaching of all English courses offered, hiring teachers, attending semi-annual meetings of various English committees, supervising English teachers and making the final decisions on exemptions.

Mr. Malone, originally from Toronto, has been an instructor at Niagara College for 3½ years. He received a BA from the University of Toronto, and an MA from McMaster University. He taught at Mohawk College in Hamilton and spent one year in Europe before coming to Niagara College.

Mr. Malone thinks "it's tremendous" that women are gaining more influential positions in the college. He feels there is a better balance of men and women in his department compared with last year. There are five women and 10 men in the department now.

Mr. Malone said if male and female applicants possess "equal experience and equal education" he would "lean towards the female."

"I like to be as fair as possible," he said. He stressed that teachers are not hired without previous teaching experience.

Mr. Malone is also hoping to bring a new approach to the exemption policy of the English department, but he stressed that ideas are still "very vague and in the planning stages."

Gail Hilyer gets 'chairperson' job

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Gail M. Hilyer is the new "chairperson" of applied arts extension - the first woman to hold the position.

She is primarily responsible for evening credit courses offered to part-time students in the school of applied arts. Mrs. Hilyer, who has a Masters Degree in Adult Education, enjoys the position and says she "feels strongly" about some aspects. She thinks adult students should be given equal opportunity and quality of education that full-time students receive. She expressed the need for upgrading courses such as writing and typing for working people.

Another goal is to make the applied arts program as flexible as administratively possible. She wants to provide courses for whatever time of day or night they are needed.

"I'm anxious to see as many different courses as possible offered to the community," Mrs. Hilyer explained. "If they have requests, they should let us know and we'll try to work out details of offering them."

Mrs. Hilyer said, "being a working mother and an adult student provides more insight and understanding into these two main problems adult students face."

Commenting on the fact that she is the first woman to hold the position, Mrs. Hilyer said she felt it was "not a token appointment. I'm qualified for the position."

Mrs. Hilyer has been at Niagara for six years and was previously program co-ordinator of educational resources program.

"I'm leaving with very mixed feelings," she said. "I had the opportunity to work with fine students and I miss the loss of contact with the students."

Mrs. Hilyer applied for the job in competition with eight or nine internal applicants. She was the only woman. She felt it "strange there wasn't one woman somewhere who wasn't qualified to be part of the administration." She feels it is "not a woman's job, but a person's job."

Mrs. Hilyer hopes to develop a type of activities program for children. This will encourage parents with young children to take courses. The activities program will keep the children occupied while the parents are learning. Mrs. Hilyer wants to see more day courses offered for part-time students.

President is put to work

By SHEILA MACMASTER

The job of a college president is not always all paperwork and being the boss on campus. Some presidents have classes to teach as well.

This is true of Niagara's president, A.S. Manera. Mr. Manera is teaching one class this year-plus circuits, five hours a week-in the School of Applied Science and Technology.

"Teaching is one thing that I enjoy more than anything else," Mr. Manera said. "It's more enjoyable than all this paperwork."

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New Wellandvale horse program trains stablehands and grooms

By JOHN DUECK

Horses are making a comeback these days and have found their way into Niagara College this year. Twelve students, some with grade 13 diplomas, enroled in the first Groom and Stablehand Training program held at the Wellandvale Centre this year.

J.L. Brandy, chairman of the technical division, said students get their horse theory in the classroom and their practical experience in four stables in the Niagara Region.

Purpose of the program, Mr. Brandy said, is to educate the student in the field of horsemanship and in specific aspects of horsemanship necessary as a climate for a groom and stablehand.

The program of horse-training will not be on a continuous basis, Mr. Brandy said. It will be offered to meet the need of the equine industry.

The program is open to male and female students. In this first program the girls outnumber boys seven to five.

"I take this course becuase I am interested in horses," said Mary Jo Walsh, a Niagara District High School graduate.

"I hesitated at first," said another girl, "but was greatly surprised when I saw so many other girls enrol."

"I have been interested in horses all my life," said Jim MacKenzie, instructor in the Groom and Stablehand Training course. "The program we are running here is a pilot program. The emphasis in the program is learning by doing."

Mr. MacKenzie, a counsellor and math teacher at St. Clair College in Windsor, switched to horses when he found them "livelier and more rewarding than equations."

Female grooms are not new to Mr. MacKenzie. "Girls make the best grooms," he said. "They are more patient and gentler with horses than boys."

How do the boys feel at having the girls outnumber them even in horse riding? "It makes no difference to me," said one male student, who asked to be anonymous. "Horses are similar to girls; they bite and kick."

Why are there any boys at all in the program? "Horses are a lot easier to get along with than girls," answered a male groom.

On the first day boys equalled girls in number. But two boys stayed only for five minutes, then left and no horse has seen them since.

The program starts simply with 'walking into a horse's stall,' and goes on with how to put a halter on a horse, how to pick up a horse's foot (without getting kicked). It includes cleaning out a stall, bandaging a horse's foot, taking a horse's temperature, preparing a mare and stallion for breeding, and ends in handling a brood mare and foal.

Horses make good company.

[Photo By JOHN DUECK]

Hotel Food Services plan fall convention

By JENNEY VINNICK

The Hotel and Food Services Club will be host to "Hospitality Update '74", a convention involving hotels and students throughout Canada and the United States Nov. 7,8,9.

A committee of seven has been working all summer to prepare for the weekend convention, to be held at the Sheraton-Foxhead Inn, Niagara Falls.

The convention will focus on the hospitality industry and the effects it has on hotel and food hospitality - focus of the Hotel and Food Management program.

Hotel-owners from across Canada will be giving seminars, the most outstanding being Jumping Jack Proud. Mr. Proud owns a resort in Prince Edward Island and goes in for gimmicks to attract people to his resort. For example, he celebrates Christmas in July, prints his name upside down on billboards and holds hog races on Sundays.

"There's no doubt in my mind it will be a success," said Dianne Brunton, committee chairman.

Opening day will be for registration and later a wine and cheese party in the Sheraton-Foxhead Inn penthouse. Various seminars on topic will be given at the Park Motor Hotel and Sheraton-Foxhead Inn, as well as lunch and dinner at the Skylon revolving dining room and Victoria Park dining room.

The convention will end with a reception dinner and dance at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel.

Any old newspapers?

By GARY SCHNEIDER

Niagara College students are conducting a telephone survey to find out why some residents of Welland are not supporting a Niagara Training and Employment Agency, Inc. newspaper recycling drive.

The agency, known as N-TEC, trains mentally, emotionally, and physically handicapped men to work in real life situations and hopes to enable them to find employment in the community. Purpose of the drive is to help raise about $90,000, half the agency's annual budget.

Educational resource technician and journalism students are phoning residents of northwest Welland. The 2,500 residents will be asked if they are taking part in the drive and, if not, to give their reasons.

Those wanting to take part in the drive will be asked to keep their newspapers boxed or bundled, separate from garbage and away from the curb.

John Brennan, co-ordinator-director of N-TEC, was disappointed in the response he got to the paper drive. Only one in 12 households participated; the number needed to be successful is at least three in 10.

Mr. Brennan, speaking to journalism students last month, explained the project's importance. He said he is "endeavouring to put N-TEC on a sound financial base."

The agency's trainees do furniture refinishing and upholstery, horticulture, janitorial services and ground maintenance. They have worked at the Welland Club, Atlas Steel, Fort Erie Racetrack, and at private homes keeping the grounds clean and neat.

The agency on Canby Street in Port Robinson is open all year to help these men, classed as "unemployable" before they join the agency.

Everybody needs his shoes cleaned.

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Movies shown by SAC at loss

By CHRISTA KIRKEY

The Student Administrative Council lost $400 on its first film of the year - "Jesus Christ Superstar" -and is discouraged about its plan of showing films to Niagara College students.

"We're trying to show them at least once a week," said Toi Fountain, SAC president, "but the attendance will determine when we show them and how often we show them."

Both afternoon and evening programs are being considered.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" was shown in the cafeteria Sept. 4 to an audience of 20 people.

The movie cost SAC $400 with additional costs for running it but the money collected just covered the running cost.

"Buck Privates" was shown in Hamilton Hall during a double lunch to an audience of 15 people.

Toi admitted that inadequate advertising was partly to blame for the poor turnout at the first film. A few fliers had been sent out but the date had been omitted. A second set of fliers printed the wrong date. By that time it was too late to revise any more fliers.

From now on, the movies scheduled will be distributed through fliers and in the SAC Banana.

90% placed

By GARY SCHNEIDER

Ninety per cent of last June's Niagara College graduates who were available for employment are working in fields related to their programs.

Figures for the three schools are: (the second column is Placed of Those Available, and the third, Total Number of Graduates(

Applied Sciences and Technology	**62**	**66**
Business	**98**	**119**
Applied Arts and Health Sciences	**212**	**308**

This is down slightly from the previous year's 95 per cent. Kenneth Anderson, college placement officer, said the 1972-73 placement figures were higher due to a "greater market in the private sector and also because the students were more mobile."

Placement percentages are based only on those students available for work. In total, 75 per cent of last spring's 493 graduates are working in their fields. Eighty-two students have other plans including jobs in other fields and further schooling.

The School of Applied Science and Technology had the highest placement, with 97 per cent of the graduates available for employment getting jobs related to their programs. These figures were almost identical to those of the previous year.

The School of Business had placement of 95 per cent, also comparable to the 1972-73 placement.

The largest drop in placement was in the School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences which went from 94 per cent in 1972-73 to 87 per cent this year.

But Mr. Anderson explained that in many of these programs, a student must be willing to travel away from home to get jobs, and many students were not willing to do this this year. He said the jobs were available, but not necessarily in their home town.

Student Aid

By JANINA SZCZEPANOSKI

Between 600 and 700 Niagara College students have applied for student aid this term - about the same number as last year, stated Mrs. M.E. Patterson, awards officer.

There was a temporary delay in processing applications this year due to a computer key-punch problem, but processing is now back on schedule. Only those sending in applications between the second week in July and Aug. 1 were affected by the delay.

Applications usually take six weeks to be processed and returned to the student.

Deadline for applying for this term was Sept. 30 but applications for loans can still be made for the second term.

New and enlarged cafeteria at college

By JENNEY VINNICK

Niagara College has a new and enlarged cafeteria offering hot, full course meals as well as sandwiches and snacks.

"It seems to be working well," said Jack Spittle, property manager, Niagara College.

Due to the rise in the cost of living, the price was $280,000 compared to the $211,000 allotted last year.

Sixty-four tables were added with eight seats to a table. Twenty circular formica-topped tables and 100 additional chairs, 50 red, 50 gold, should have arrived by the end of September. The staff lounge, not yet completed, will hold 100 more people.

Full course meals at a maximum of 70 cents are being offered. This luncheon menu works on a revolving two-week basis with a different menu every day. Home-made soup, hot meat with a vegetable and potato or a casserole are available. International day is once a week featuring ravioli, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut and weiners. Salads, french fries and fish will be served every day as well as pudding, pastries and fresh fruit.

Cereals, toast, bacon or eggs, for example, are served every morning at 8:30.

Food and hot meals are served on china dishes rather than paper. Menu boards are on order; the menu for that day and the next will be shown.

The biggest problem during construction was shortage of materials. Hardware for the exterior doors and rubber and ceramic baseboard could not be installed.

A major concern was that the cafeteria would not be completed until October.

A present concern is "how the new tables will fit in". One solution suggested by Mr. Spittle is stack the stage platforms at the north wall to provide more space.

All food, excepting pastries, are prepared on the premises by a Niagara Frontier Caterers chef and six hostesses. The girls help in the kitchen as well as out front.

Mr. Spittle said he talked to some students and they feel the food is better. The students are "quite happy," he said.

A formal meeting with the cafeteria committee will be held following completion.

Honey bees buzz college

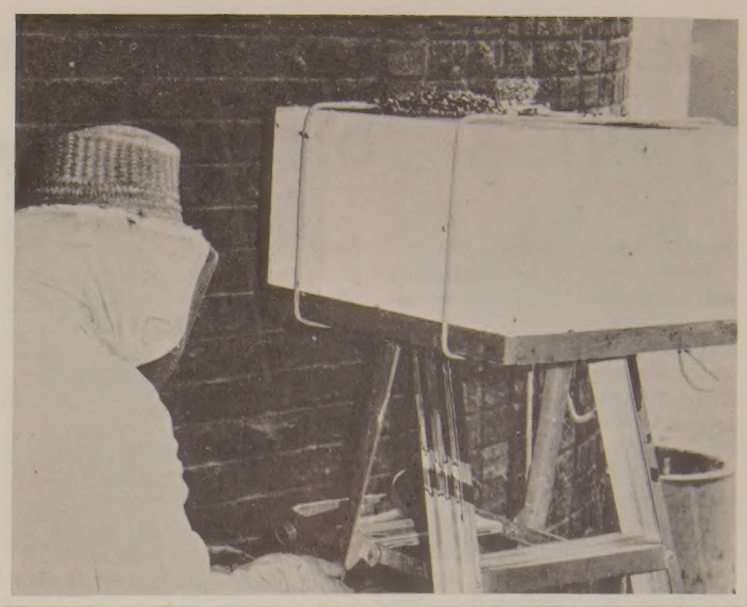
By JENNEY VINNICK

A hobbyist beekeeper removed 8,000 honey bees from their residence at Niagara College earlier this term.

Len Ozymtchak, first year construction technician student, noticed an open roof door on the second floor of the Simcoe Building Sept. 10, and bees inside. Len closed the door and informed his father that night.

Andre Ozymtchak, Virgil beekeeper of three years, came to the college two days later to take the bees home.Wearing a long coat, gloves and headnet, he put the queen into a honeycomb-filled box. The swarm eventually followed.

Mr. Ozymtchak said this was "an old family" he took and "a new family" was still in the wall. The new family was taking over and the old family was preparing to find a new home. It would be impossible to get rid of all the bees as the crack is too small and the walls are plaster. Therefore, about 10,000 bees will still be in residence at Niagara College.



Women's year at NC

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Niagara College will participate in International Women's Year (IWY) in 1975. A steering committee has been organized with Eric Robinson as chairman.

Activities will take place on the Welland campus early in May. A women's film festival, information booths and displays of arts and crafts, are a few of the steering committee's ideas. The committee meets two or three times weekly. Its main aim is to maintain the international flavor of the celebration and involve women of different ethnic groups, neighboring American communities, and women of all ages.

It is trying to gain general appeal rather than the sole support of radical feminists. It is hoped all women will participate, regardless of convictions and ideas.

IWY activities will be supported nationally with a $2,000,000 fund granted by the Department of Secretary of State. This will provide assistance to voluntary groups to develop activities. It will provide special grant funds and resources and technical assistance for national and local projects.

Secretary of State J. Hugh Faulkner, addressing delegates to the UN International Seminar, explained that priority will be given to projects that develop women's resources and have a lasting impact long after 1975.

Special consideration will be given to projects that bring changes in the status of women in social, economic and political structures.

On Oct. 19 and 20, 1974 a consultation of representatives of voluntary women's groups will inform them of the details of departmental plans for IWY.

A National Seminar Series consisting of 10 monthly seminars will encourage leaders of women's groups to participate in changing the status of women in Canada. The first seminar, Women in Politics, will occur in February, 1975.

Funds will also support a publication on Women's Rights in Canada and a Program for Native Women. This will include films, regional conferences and publication of biographies. Opportunities for Young Women involving local and regional groups will communicate the changing role of women in high school.

There will be a Women's Festival as part of Festival Canada 1975, supported on the provincial level.

Students compile women's directory

By CAROLE COOPER

Seven Niagara College students compiled a directory of community and social services for women and single parents for the Niagara region this summer.

Virginia Bering, Debbie Chant Margot Mein, Linda Hughes and Pamela Lee, from second year Library Technician program, and Laurie Kett and Shan Thomas from Education Resource Technician (ERT) program also did a survey where they interviewed 419 people, about 14 of them men.

The girls questioned people at shopping centres, a Parents Without Partners meeting, and door-to-door. The people were asked what they thought about services available and not available in the region.

Women were asked about sexual discrimination in society, business and home life, sex stereotyping, day care centres, educational facilities, single parenthood, rape, and troubles with social service agencies.

The research for the directory ran from May 13 to Aug. 31. The girls found information by telephoning and talking to agencies, word-of-mouth and books that listed services.

The directory listed such things as street clinics, birth control information centres, distress centres, day care centres and volunteer agencies in the region.

Mrs. Gail Hilyer, former program co-ordinator for ERT, and Mrs. Bette Ferguson, counsellor, advised the girls.

The project was sponsored by Opportunities for Youth and the girls were paid salaries. They worked a full day, five days a week. A $10,000 budget was submitted to the government which included transportation, salaries and other expenses.

"I feel that there was excellent response from many community and social service agencies," said Linda. "Agencies asked for copies of the directory and the survey report which should be published soon."

The Young Women's Christian Association, Family and Children's Services and the Ministry of Community and Social Services were among the agencies which used the directory.

Copies of the directory are in the Library Technician room for student use.

Better communication goal of new dean

By JOE WELLMAN

Better communication and a closer affiliation with the main campus in Welland for satellite nursing schools is one of the main goals of F.C. Habermehl, newly-appointed dean of health sciences.

The Health Sciences program, made into a school of its own this year, consists of the Dental Assistants program, the Medical Records program, the Nursing Schools of St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, a Dictatypists program and a Health Science Preparatory options course. The Mack Centre and Niagara Falls nursing schools were run by the hospitals themselves until last January when they were incorporated into Niagara College.

Mr. Habermehl started teaching at Niagara in September, 1968 and last year was chairman of the human development division.

"Our Dental Assistant and Medical Record programs are among the best in Ontario," Mr. Habermehl said. Changes are made constantly to ensure the best in equipment and technique in the programs.

Mr. Habermehl has a philosophy for co-ordinators and faculty members in the school:

An instructor must be thoroughly knowledgeable in his subject matter and he must be skilled in a variety of methods of presenting his material. He said while there is room for self criticism among his faculty there is certainly no room for self condemnation, a constant occupational hazard of the teaching profession.

Teachers have three main responsibilities to contend with; they are responsible to the society and its demands, the prospective employers and their requirements from the students, and to the administration of the college and its departments. An ideal situation would be complete harmony among all three.

A conscientious instructor, said Mr. Habermehl, must always be searching for new ways of presenting material. Ultimate goals must not change but methods must to reach different types of students and their needs.

Mr. Habermehl's main aim is to have a "homogeneous relationship" among all his staff members and a closer relationship between the main campus and the satellites.

Labor conference

By KEN BALDIN

A conference to give management and labor an opportunity to explore issues and ideas together "in a congenial and neutral atmosphere" is being co-ordinated by S.C. O'Flynn, Niagara College labor-studies program co-ordinator.

Scheduled for Oct. 3 at the Beacon Motor Hotel, the conference is to discuss trends in collective bargaining, the changing work ethic and labor-management's responsibility to society. Workshops are to follow each discussion.

Speakers include A.S. Manera, college president, Rev. Brian McCulloch of St. Patrick's Church, Niagara Falls, and T.T. McAulay of the Canadian Department of Labor.

Davies appointed HDD chairman

By DOUG VOLLETT

Formerly chairman of the liberal studies division, D.A. Davies is the new chairman of the human development division.

Mr. Davies is replacing F.C. Habermehl, now dean of the recently formed School of Health Sciences.

"It is a very happy state of affairs to be in," Mr. Davies commented. After four years at liberal studies, he said he welcomes the change.

His duties include the practical set-up of courses, including content, facilities and field trips, the "things by which students reach their career goals," he said.

"It's a first line responsibility for getting the students to where they want to go."

Programs in the human development division are: Early Childhood Education, Social Services, Law and Security Administration, Government Operations, Human Relations and General College Diploma.

Mr. Davies will run two divisions until a replacement can be found for his former position.

Grape & Wine Festival tour

By SHEILA MACMASTER

Two Niagara College students were involved in tours of the Niagara region for the Grape and Wine Festival.

Susan Burnett, student in the new tourism program arranged the tours. Susan, who works for the Ontario Editorial Bureau, was involved in public relations for the festival.

Another student from the new tourism program, Nancy Kurchak, was a guide on the tour.

The tours were scheduled to go to the vineyards, watch a mechanical harvester in action, visit the Jordan Museum, and the Fry House built in 1815 by Jacob Fry, from there to Balls Falls and then to the Horticultural Research Institute in Vineland.

The tours which went Wednesday Sept. 25 were to see the crowning of the 4H Grape Prince.

Susan set up the tours and also wrote the commentary for bus guides.

Family Planning van visits Niagara College

by JANINA SZCZEPANOSKI

A mobile Family Planning Information Bureau visited Niagara College Sept. 18 and 26.

Jointly sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart and the Birth Control Information Centre of Niagara, the van distributed information pamphlets and presented a film entitled, Methods of Family Planning. Mrs. D.J. Tucker R N, representing the centre, was available to answer questions.

Mrs. Tucker feels there is a great need for contraceptive information. Last year, in Ontario alone, there were 20,000 abortions, and "abortion is not a method of birth control," she said. Yet there was little response to the vehicle's presence. Approximately 30 students visited the van between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sept 18. Student response at Brock was only six.

This is the first year a mobile information centre has been used. It will be visiting colleges and university campuses, and shopping plazas throughout Ontario. Earlier this month the unit was at the Toronto Exhibition.

The Birth Control Information Centre also operates throughout the year at 132 Queenston St. , St. Catharines. It offers confidential advice on contraception, sterilization, and venereal disease. Referral to doctors is also arranged if necessary.

Only since 1969 have birth control methods allowed to be advertised. Previous to this, contraceptive information was given only upon request.

Few visited Family Planning van [photo by Ken Blay]

Theatre students to study in UK

By PENNY METZA

Three Niagara College theatre students will be the first in the program to take their apprenticeship in Britain.

All third year students, Pat Galbraith, Bob Morrison and Norman Bouchard will go to theatres in England in January.

The practice of apprenticing theatre students from Niagara began three years ago, said Frank Norris, program co-ordinator. Students are apprenticed during their sixth term, from January to april. Until this year, students had been sent to Canadian theatres only.

Mr. Norris said students must become aware of international theatre and of the fact that training at Niagara is valid anywhere.

He applied to "some of the best theatres in Britain" early in 1974 and five theatres responded,requesting six people. Mr. Norris said he decided on three because "they are exceptional students."

Pat will go to the Playhouse Theatre in Leeds to study "mainly costume". Leeds was chosen for her because of the number of classical works and costumes done there, Mr. Norris said. Pat said she also expects to do a great deal of "everything."

Bob will work with the Birmingham Repertory in stage management, all-around technical directing and set construction.

Norman, a bilingual student, will study artistic directing at the Theatre Royal, in York.

College policy is to pay fares for students going out of Ontario. The students' passage to England will be paid for, Mr. Norris said, but the rest is up to them. The theatres have said they will pay them "a modest weekly allowance".

Hard work and busy schedules at the Theatre Centre have kept them from becoming too excited at the prospect of going to England. But the students said they expect to work hard and learn a great deal from their experiences with the theatres.

Mr. Norris' theory of the way to measure a student's ability is by the work put into a project. His theory has led him to "anticipate"that all three students will be offered jobs in the theatres they go to.

Third year students tend Niagara babies

By VICKY SCHMIDT

An "infant program" for children under two years of age was started last month by the Early Childhood Education program as a practice school for their third year students.

Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator, is enthusiastic about it and said, "It just works so beautifully you wouldn't believe it! It took about two weeks to get established and it's been such a rewarding two weeks."

There are 10 babies in the program, ranging from two months to two years of age. It operates with a "prepared environment forf learning." Teachers set up a "situation for learning" in which the babies can experience different sensations.

"The child learns from tasting, touching and smelling," Mrs. Hamilton said. The babies had no trouble adjusting to the new environment and instructors.

Lynn Salfi and Eleanor Dolan, both graduates of the Early Childhood Education program at Niagara, are the instructors in charge of the babies. They work in co-operation with other students in the third-year program, new this year.

Mrs. Hamilton tries to maintain a standard of one instructor to two babies. Including babies and older pre-schoolers, there are 100 children at the centre and 90 "instructtors" - students and teachers.

"It's a fact that children learn at a very early age if exposed to the right material," Mrs. Hamilton said. "The children enjoy being in the same environment with other children. In this way they can observe what the other children do."

The Early Childhood Education Centre is equipped with kitchens, toys, cribs, and small desks indoors, and sandboxes, swings, and slides outside.

Children usually spend a half day at the centre with some remaining all day. The centre provides a full-course meal for the children, along with a mid-morning snack, prepared by the instructors who are trained in nutrition.

Asked if the children missed the contact with their parents, Mrs. Hamilton explained, "It's really not the amount of time a parent spends with the child, but the quality, that is important."

Use closed circuit TV for dental program

By KEN BLAY

A dentist, his assistant, a patient and a TV camera? This will be the scene in future dental assistant program classes, said Mrs. Mary Bondarchuk, program co-ordinator.

Two closed circuit television cameras and two monitors have been installed "for more efficient teaching methods."

One camera is mounted on rollers above the patient's chair for close-up shots. In the past, it has been difficult for students to see operating procedure and proper placement of instruments when the dentist is working in a confined area, like the mouth. The camera can now show the procedure to the class on two TV monitors.

Root canal therapy requiring a specialist can be video-taped and repeated to different classes.

"The potential is there but it is not fully known yet," Mrs. Bondarchuk said.

TV cameras were experimented with last year using personnel and equipment from the Radio and Television program. It was quite successful, Mrs. Bondarchuk said, but the bulky cameras tended to get in the dentist's way.

The new equipment will be operated by controls at the back of the room and adjusted to get the best possible shot. A camera at the rear of the classroom can be used for wide angle shots and operated in the same way as the close-up camera.

OHIP necessary for students

By CAROLE COOPER

All students are covered under their parents' Ontario Hospitalization Plan (OHIP) until they marry or reach 21 even if they are not living at home, says Niagara College Nurse Marian Kerr.

But Mrs. Kerr warned students against allowing their coverage to lapse. This would necessitate a three-month waiting period.

Students should file a non-group application form within 30 days of their 21st birthday or marriage. These applications are available at the Health Centre, hospitals, banks and OHIP offices.

Students who need financial aid with OHIP premiums may get forms at the Health Centre in the Mackenzie Building. The money is paid by the government directly to the OHIP office in Toronto.

Mrs. Kerr suggests people "carry their number and know it" in case of an emergency.

United Way uses NC film

By JOE WELLMAN

The Niagara Falls United Way campaign, now under way, is using a film made by the Niagara College Audio-Visual department - a film about the community and emphasizing close-to-home problems.

The United Appeal could have bought a professionally done film from the United States, said Paul Byrne, AV co-ordinator.

The chairman of the Niagara drive, Norman Cheevers, wanted to appeal to the community with a community-oriented project; so he called on Niagara College.

In the past these films have been done by well-known movie stars but Mr. Cheevers felt a film done in the community itself would get a better reaction.

A-V technicians David Farr and Brian McKeown shot the footage for the film entirely on their own time, mainly during the summer months. Editing was done at the college but strictly on a free-time or an evening basis by Mr. Farr and Mr. McKeown.

The film is being shown to small groups of 10 or 15 to invoke a sense of community pride and involvement.

The United Way provided all the raw materials for the project, at no cost to the college, Mr. Byrne said.

Varsity sports

Basketball: Ladies' practice every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

Volleyball: Ladies practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

Co-Ed Badminton: Open to anyone interested, practices start Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

NEW PROGRAM

Take a tour with Niagara

By DOUG CALDWELL

The new two year tourism program--Tours and Attractions administration--instructed by Neil McGregor, began on Oct. 2 in the Sheraton Fox-Head Hotel in Niagara Falls.

The program's main objective, says Mr. McGregor, "is to train students for the travel industry, specifically for group tour planning, to manage a man-made or natural attraction."

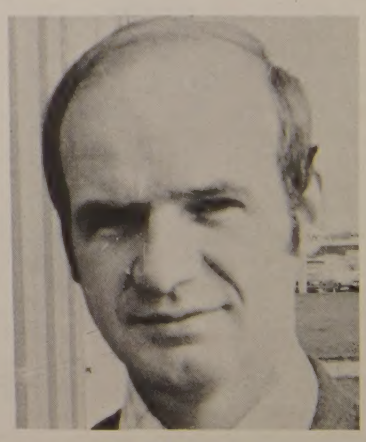
Mr. McGregor attended Western University in London and later taught geography to high school students and headed an all Grade 13 school in Hamilton. From 1968 to 1970 he worked with the Department of National Defence in Germany. Mr. McGregor travelled through such countries as Russia, Poland, Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Greece on a tour of 14 countries. In 1973 he worked with Sun Tours under the title of buyer for the Canadian escorted tours. He organized tours, planned itineraries, assisted in publication of brochures and trained tourist escorts.

The necessity of a tourism program is because travel is a new and fast growing industry which lacks trained personnel, he said, and Niagara College is the only college in the peninsula to offer such a training course.

Tourism graduates will be placed not only within the organization of tour transactions but also in levels of government, tour wholesalers, the airline and railway industry and the travel department of automobile associations, said Mr. McGregor.

Fifteen students have registered for the program, the majority being female. "I would like to see a 50-50 proportion," said Mr. McGregor. "I can see a very bright future for the travel industry for three reasons; an increase in leisure time and dispersable income and travel to distant destinations is being made easier."

Commenting on the tourism industry, Mr. McGregor warned, "It's work, hard work with side benefits. Living out of a suitcase is not always the ideal way to live."



Neil McGregor

Disaster

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building at the time and said he felt the situation as portrayed seemed very real. After returning to his office his phone rang constantly, he said; people were phoning to see if it was the real thing or complaining when they discovered it was not.

Throughout the incident, the students' reactions were varied. Many were skeptical that it was real. Many actually believed an explosion had occurred.

Students at the scene of the disaster described "an explosion and screams," and said they ran into the halls to find out what had happened.

Those students who knew the situation was simulated carried the image throughout the disaster. One volunteer drove a casualty to the hospital, turned him over to the medical staff, and was then convinced by others that the situation was not real.

Upon discovering the situation was staged, most of the students reacted with intense anger. "I'm schocked and horrified," one student said. Another questioned the validity of such a test if it might lead people to disbelieve the alarm in a real situation.

Many students could be seen huddled in groups, comforting each other or discussing the reality of the disaster.

D.A. Davies, chairman of human development, expressing his personal opinion, said "there was obviously some slip-up that no-one came on the intercom and announced it was an exercise." If that had been done, he said, much of the emotion of the people on the sidelines would have been released.

He said he "knew nothing at all about it" and after learning it was simulated did not tell people because he thought it had been approved. "I didn't think it would go on and on and on,"Mr. Davies said. He added, the faculty "is very angry".

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Have you tried to get a ride?

By DOUG CALDWELL

Students needing rides or riders to attend college may have this problem answered by the student transportation board in the cafeteria. Forty applicants are seeking rides.

The car pool was to have been computerized by general business data students. But because so few applications have been filled, the work is being handled manually.

Instructors assisting the project are John Cassidy, programing instructor, A.S. Aboud, director of student services and Brian Millard, systems analysis instructor.

Mr. Aboud said, "Students who have submitted a computer car pool form to the student services office are requested to also take advantage of the student transportation board in the cafeteria."

He said very few students have indicated a need for a ride so the car pool is being conducted on an individual basis in the cafeteria.

Students needing transportation should consult the student transportation board or the instructors involved in the project.

Enrolment up slightly

By GARY SCHNEIDER

Total enrolment at Niagara College is up to 2065 full-time students as of Sept. 20, - a slight increase over last year's figure of 2025.

John Parrett, assistant registrar, said he was pleased with the increase, even though it was not large. "Last year was a good year for the college," he said. "It really grew, and we're glad to be holding our own this year."

There are 1261 first year students this year, compared to 1156 last year. There are 105 fewer second and third year students. Mr. Parrett said the "academic standards have increased somewhar and ards have increased somewhat and this may have cut down on the number of returnees."

Two programs were not registered until Sept. 30. The Hotel and Food Management program should have about 83 students, said Mr. Parrett, and he expected 12 to 15 students in the new Tourism program. Classes for both will be held in the Sheraton-Foxhead Inn, Niagara Falls.

The School of Health Sciences, which includes dental assistant, nursing and other medical-related programs was separated from the School of Applied Arts this year.

SAC

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Students interrupted with questions and comments about expenses such as gas for which the council needs reimbursements.

One student jumped up and asked, "Aren't they already being covered as executive expenses?"

"Thats's right," said Toi. But he added, "When you work for the council, you're giving up a lot of time when you could have a part-time job."

Rudy told the audience, "I'm here working for you. If it weren't for SAC, there would be no school spirit at all."

Toi had told Niagara News earlier that he would not draw his honorarium until the issue is settled.

A $1,000 honorarium for the SAC president was approved in a referendum of students in the year 1970-71, but for one year only.

A questioner from the floor asked Toi how many people would receive honorariums and for how long.

Toi replied, seven people and for 12 months.

No questions were asked about the president's honorarium.

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WHODUNIT?

SAC solves mystery of missing $10,000

By JENNEY VINNICK

The case of the missing $10,000 reserve for football equipment was solved at a general Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting in the college cafeteria Sept. 24.

Beth Bridgeman, SAC business manager and last year's president, explained that five years ago $5,000 was set aside for the football fund and a year later another $5,000 was added.

As of now $10,000 is on the SAC books but there is no money in an actual account for football equipment. Toi Fountain, this year's president, said that, therefore, this amount was being removed from the books.

He was questioned repeatedly about why the reserve did not exist. "I can't trace exactly where that money went. It was dispersed on various activities," he said. "But that was four years ago. We have no control over what happened then."

"We're doing our job for the year that we're in."

Beth then approached the microphone and explained that the money was there four years ago although there never was a football team. Asked how $10,000 intended for football could have been spent on other things, she said it had not been set aside in a special account which could not be touched. "They just overspent" she said of previous councils.

Of her own council, Beth said, "the money was not there" when she took over. Asked why she did not provide this she added, "There was already a debt of $18,000 from previous councils." If her SAC had provided this money as well "we would have been $28,000 in the hole.

Toi said there was only one football team in the community college league and it could play only exhibition games.

"If you want us to spend $15,000 a year on a football team, we'll gladly do it," said Toi. "We'll buy uniforms and equipment."

But he doubted that there would be any returns to justify such an expenditure.

Toi also said that if there were a team a full-time doctor and another coach would have to be hired.

Dental work bargain at college clinic

By KEN BLAY

Little more than the cost of materials is what students will be charged if they take advantage of the Niagara College Dental Clinic.

Response has been slow so far, said Mrs. Mary Bondarchuk, dental assistant program co-ordinator. She said it offers the dental assistants practical experience before they go into the dental field. Models and diagrams can be used for instruction but people are preferred.

The clinic's purpose is to provide practice for the dental assistants in procedure and aiding the dentist.

Dentists from the area operate the clinic. It is run at a slower pace than a dentist's office. The accent is on proper procedure rather than speed.

"It is a place to work out skills", said Mrs. Bondarchuk.

Two students assist the dentist, four run X-ray equipment and two do office work, such as answering the phone and scheduling appointments, while others observe.

Students interested in participating in the clinic can call Mrs. Bondarchuk or Mrs. Sharon Stewart at ext. 285 or go to room S314 to book an appointment.

The fee covers material and dental expenses. Mrs. Bondarchuk said the cost is "in the range of half" of what it would actually cost at a dentist's office.

Pubs lose because...

By GARY SCHNEIDER

The Student Administrative council(SAC) was on the hot seat at its first general meeting last week, explaining how Niagara had lost $6,000 on pub-nites last year.

The audited statement for the year ending March 31, 1974,-before this executive took office-showed pub-nite revenues at $38,722 and expenditures at $44,013.

"That's quite a difference," said Judith Brooke, a student who came to the mike when Toi Fountain, SAC president, asked if there were any questions from the audience. "And pub-nites usually make money."

Toi replied, "What we want to do is offer to the students entertainment and the right to enjoy the entertainment. We don't expect to make a profit in that area."

Toi said the pubs are well attended for the first few months of a term, but by the end of the term, SAC is losing money on each pub.

Brent Trinder, vice-president of external affairs, said 539 people attended the first pub. "From this we could see that our pubs were overcrowded, so why should students have to stand outside and not be allowed in, when there are non-students inside."

He also stated that the pubs have fixed expenses, such as paying for the groups, cleaning, ice, and any damages which might occur, "that's why we lose on pub-nites."

Banana!

By CHRISTA KIRKEY

Niagara's Banana Belt is a bi-monthly newsletter put out by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Banana is printed as a line of communication to inform students of movies, athletic and social events, SAC meetings and other general information.

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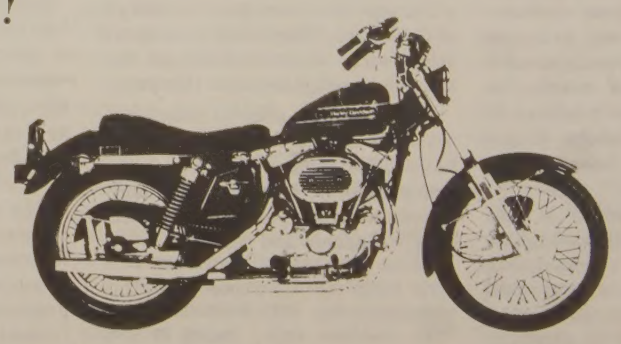

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